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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

EVALUATION See below

PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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DATE OF CONTENT To 18 January 1950

25X1 DATE OBTAINED [redacted]

DATE PREPARED 28 February 1950

25X1 REFERENCES [redacted]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [redacted]

REMARKS [redacted]

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1. There was no flying at the Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) airfield from mid-December 1949 to January 1950. [redacted]

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[redacted] the airfield was to be expanded by 250 acres and the construction of cantonment buildings for 500 Soviet dependents now residing in the town was to start. [redacted]

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2. There was no flying at the field on 10 January 1950. Twin-engine aircraft, the exact number of which could not be determined, were parked on the southwest edge of the field. The radio station previously observed in the town was no longer there. [redacted]

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3. On 18 January 1950 seven twin-engine aircraft were parked on the southwest edge of the field and further behind, some twin-engine planes camouflaged among the trees. Four biplanes, presumably trainers, made local flights [redacted] noon in good visibility, a 600-meter base of cloud, and occasional snowfall. A twin-engine plane took off for a factory test flight [redacted]

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Descriptions: Long, slim fuselage, pointed nose not glazed, two long in-line engines protruding beyond leading and trailing

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edges of wings, double rudder assembly, no rear gunner's station, mounted glass cockpit.

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Trucks [redacted] were seen at the airfield; expansion work was not started.

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[redacted] Comment:

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a. [redacted] do not give definite information on the total occupation of the field. [redacted]

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[redacted] two component bomber regiments of the IIIRD Bmr Corps are assumed to be in Finsterwalde. [redacted]

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b. The twin-engine plane described in para 3 is possibly a PE-3 (unglazed nose).

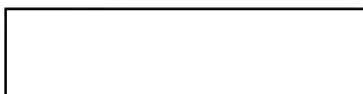
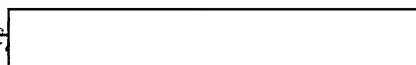
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c. [redacted] it was planned to expand the field.

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